

a naked sentence of death. Is it possible in such a case that he can exercise with due deliberation the authority with which he is constitutionally invested can he intuitively determine whether it is proper to execute or to ameliorate the sentence of the law. The difficulty is felt. It is thought and humbly suggested that the judges before whom the trial is had, ought to be enjoined either to state the circumstances of the case and the deportment of the criminal or to express their opinion on the propriety of executing or of extending mercy to the criminal.

Since the Legislature was last assembled, some Resolutions have been received from the State of Massachusetts respecting the dangerous tendency of foreign influence and proposing an alteration in the Constitution of the United States in this respect, which are now submitted to your consideration.

No one will seriously contend that there is any physical virtue in the spot of earth which gave us birth, and yet all will readily acknowledge that without the exercise of our reason and indeed independently of it, it produces a predominant affection and preference in its favour, which no time nor scarcely any circumstances will eradicate, and from hence arises the exclusion of foreigners from the affairs of nations to which they are not allied by their birth.

The experience of our own times and the history of past ages equally assure us of the propriety and truth of this practice.

That philosophy however flattering to the pride of human nature, which teaches men to look upon themselves as citizens of the world,